

2008 YMCA HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

In a series of weekend and evening trials between February 23 and March 3, 2008 the 19th annual YMCA High School Mock Trial Competition was sponsored by the King County Superior Court. The event was a district level competition leading up to the state championships to be held in Olympia March 28-30.

The High School Mock Trials are a program of YMCA Youth & Government. Besides the YMCA, the program receives support from various lawyers and judges associations and is also dependent on hundreds of volunteer hours. The trials were presided over by King County Superior Court Judges **Bruce Hilyer, Carol Schapira, Michael Heavey, Mary Roberts, Andrea Darvas, Laura Inveen, Harry McCarthy, Catherine Shaffer, Jim Rogers, Phil Hubbard, Kim Prochnau, Helen Halpert and William Downing** and retired Superior Court Judges **Donald Haley** and **Anthony Wartnik** and King County District Court Judges **Eileen Kato** and **Mariane Spearman**.

The trial performances were scored by fifty-one volunteer lawyers who gave generously of their time and talents. Championship round scorers were prominent criminal attorneys Amanda Lee and Mike Lang and King County Bar Association President Eileen Concannon.

The event ran smoothly thanks to the administrative help of Ricki Reese, Cameron Reese, Debra Bailey Trail, Brian Wynne, Kirby Pierce, Gene Willard and Sam Downing.

This year's fictional case explored themes of domestic violence and attorney ethics. It involved an attorney who was charged with the murder of a former divorce client with whom he may have become romantically involved. As a likely suspect, the victim's abusive soon-to-be-ex-spouse provided an alternative theory. A critical legal issue concerned application of constitutional principles to a police search of the contents of a trash can.

As always, each one of the hundreds of student participants went home a winner with all that was learned about the rules of society and about his or her own abilities. Congratulations to all!

Here are the final official results of the competition:

TEAM	RECORD	BALLOTS	POINTS
1. Seattle Prep - A	5-0	14 ballots	
2. Franklin – P	4-1	12 ballots	
3. Eastside Catholic – F	3-1	9 ballots	
4. Mercer Island - O	3-1	8 ballots	
5. University Prep – I	3-1	7 ballots	
6. Seattle Prep – B	2-2	7 ballots	
7. Eastside Catholic - G	1-3	4 ballots	1844
8. Liberty – E	1-3	4 ballots	1817
9. Seattle Academy – K	1-1	3 ballots	954
10. University Prep – H	1-1	3 ballots	950
11. Seattle Prep – C	1-1	2 ballots	
12. Liberty - D	0-2	1 ballot	951
13. Roosevelt – M	0-2	1 ballot	948
14. Int’l Comm. School - N	0-2	0 ballots	938
15. Chief Sealth - J	0-2	0 ballots	864
16. Jefferson Comm. Ctr - L	0-2	0 ballots	787

In the championship round, these special awards were given out:

Outstanding Attorney: Stephen Payne (Seattle Prep)

Outstanding Witness: Taylor Tibbs (Franklin High School)

In the earlier rounds, the following students also received special recognition:

Outstanding Attorneys:

Chief Sealth:	Emily Harmell
Eastside Catholic:	Breanna Deutsch, Moriah Dworkin, Chris Haines, Chantel Lowe, Jen Odegaard, Kristen Olsen Mackenzie Roberts, Tyler Roberts
Franklin High School:	Sydney McRae, Sandy Nguyen, Ashleigh Shoecraft
International Community School:	Sophia Brockman, Sasha Mascarenhas
Jefferson Comm. Center:	Sheena Floresca
Liberty High:	Andrew Boes, Allison Bolgiano, Alex Leonard, Nathan Linden Alexander Muir, Ahren Stroming
Mercer Island High:	Sherrie Rae Hsu, Ann Shay, Inar Pan Zhang
Seattle Academy:	Sherika Brooks
Seattle Prep:	Isabelle Albi, Lani Beadle, Louis Brotherton, Alexander Crown, Devin Curda, William Ferron, Rachel Gary, William Gillis. Zoe Hamilton, Christa Heavey, Stephen Payne
Roosevelt High:	Patrick Muller, Jixi Teng
University Prep:	Brittany Carroll-Watts, Sam Cho, Aleta Greer, Saemi Kim Colin Rice

Outstanding Witnesses:

Chief Sealth:	Shakura Kanye, Jan Nicholas
Eastside Catholic:	Christina Bucci, Andrew Carlton, David Carlton, Breanna Deutsch, Laura Gunning, Michael Hanley, Lauren Pomeroy, Trent Scott
Franklin High School:	Marie Angeles, Nicole Czubin, Brandon Leonard, Taylor Tibbs
International Community School:	Anupam Choudhary
Jefferson Comm. Center:	Linna Wong
Liberty High:	Madeline Harnos, Anna Molosky, Diane Rogers, Sophia Simonson
Mercer Island High:	Peyton Wesley Bell, Jeremy Robinson Howell, Wesley Keystone
Seattle Academy:	Melissa Hamblin, Nikita Mogilevsky, Zach Thal, Steven Vellon
Seattle Prep:	Nicholas Aigner, Mooki Carter-Vincent, Charles Cassidy, Vivian McKechnie, Sarah Miller, Philip Paine, Francesca Renouard, Erica Strathern
Roosevelt High:	Angie Schelk
University Prep:	Kat Beame, Rachel Funk, Anthony Greene, Matt Higgins, Jack Newton, Ellery Wiest

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